

Simply-typed $\beta\eta$ equivalence with sums and 0

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Simply-typed lambda-calculus

$$\frac{\Gamma, x : A \vdash t : B}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda x. t : A \rightarrow B}$$

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$\beta\eta$ -equivalence

$$(\lambda x. t) u \triangleright_{\beta} t[u/x]$$

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(Remark on System L)

Aside: positive and negative types

$A, B ::= P \mid N$ all types

$N, M ::=$ negative types
| $A \rightarrow B$ function type
| $A \times B$ product
| 1 unit

$P, Q ::=$ positive types
| $A + B$ sum
| 0 empty

$P_{\text{at}}, Q_{\text{at}} ::= P \mid X$ positive or atomic type
 $N_{\text{at}}, M_{\text{at}} ::= N \mid X$ negative or atomic type

(white lie on atom polarity)

Normality without loss of generality

Any $(t : A \rightarrow B)$ may be η -expanded into a λ -abstraction: $\lambda x. (t x)$

We can ask all values of type $(A \rightarrow B)$ to be of the form $\lambda x. t$
Inversion. (Note: no closedness assumption!)

We **cannot** ask all (open) values of type $A + B$ to be of the form $\sigma_i t$

$$x : B + A \vdash ? : A + B$$

Focused normal forms: intro

We introduce a system of typed normal forms, split in four judgments.
(Grammar, grammatical categories) \implies (Type system, judgments).

“inversion” judgment ($\Gamma \vdash_{\text{inv}} v : A$) for values (w.l.o.g)

“negative neutrals” ($\Gamma \vdash_{\text{ne}} n \Downarrow A$) (destructors)

“positive neutrals” ($\Gamma \vdash_{\text{ne}} p \Uparrow A$) (constructors)

“focused normal forms”: ($\Gamma \vdash_{\text{foc}} f : A$) (decisions)

Along the way, I will explain why these restrictions remain **complete**.

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That's it!

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This relates to two different ideas, points of view:

- 1 a **permutation** algorithm for equivalence of $(\rightarrow, \times, +)$ (no 0)

Combining both gives equivalence with 0.

Canonical neutral introduction

Idea: introduce each neutral ($n : P$) as **early** as possible.

This suggests an “even more normal” form, **maximally** focused.

To normalize a focused form f : compute **all** neutral subterms n that are typeable in the current context, and bind them now. Draft rule:

$$\frac{\text{DRAFT-DO-NOT-DISTRIBUTE} \quad \bar{n} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{n \in f \mid \Gamma \vdash_{\text{ne}} n \Downarrow P\}}{\Gamma \vdash f \triangleright_{\text{max}} \text{let } \bar{x} = \bar{n} \text{ in } f[\bar{x}/\bar{n}] : A}$$

This relates to two different ideas, points of view:

- 1 a **permutation** algorithm for equivalence of ($\rightarrow, \times, +$) (no 0)
- 2 a **saturation** approach for canonical goal-directed search

Combining both gives equivalence with 0.

Equivalence : intro

Algorithm for equivalence of focused values.

Mutual judgments:

- $\Gamma \vdash_{\text{inv}} v \sim_{\text{alg}} v' : A$
- $\Gamma \vdash_{\text{sat}} f \sim_{\text{alg}} f' : A$
- $\Gamma \vdash_{\text{ne}} n \sim_{\text{alg}} n' \Downarrow A$
- $\Gamma \vdash_{\text{ne}} p \sim_{\text{alg}} p' \Uparrow A$

Depends on a consistency checking judgment $\Gamma \vdash 0$

Definable as $\exists t, (\Gamma \vdash t : 0)$.

Decidable in propositional logic (key!)

Equivalence: inversion

(Terms modulo commuting conversions, or enforced ordering)

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$$\frac{\Gamma, x : A_1 \vdash_{\text{inv}} v_1 \sim_{\text{alg}} v'_1 : C \quad \Gamma, x : A_2 \vdash_{\text{inv}} v_2 \sim_{\text{alg}} v'_2 : C}{\Gamma, x : A_1 + A_2 \vdash_{\text{inv}} \left| \begin{array}{l} \text{match } x \text{ with} \\ \sigma_1 x \rightarrow v_1 \\ \sigma_2 x \rightarrow v_2 \end{array} \right. \sim_{\text{alg}} \left| \begin{array}{l} \text{match } x \text{ with} \\ \sigma_1 x \rightarrow v'_1 \\ \sigma_2 x \rightarrow v'_2 \end{array} \right. : C}$$

$$\frac{}{\Gamma \vdash_{\text{inv}} () \sim_{\text{alg}} () : 1} \quad \frac{}{\Gamma, x : 0 \vdash_{\text{inv}} \text{absurd}(x) \sim_{\text{alg}} \text{absurd}(x) : A}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \text{ negative or atomic} \quad \Gamma \vdash_{\text{sat}} v \sim_{\text{alg}} v' : A \quad A \text{ positive or atomic}}{\Gamma \vdash_{\text{inv}} v \sim_{\text{alg}} v' : A}$$

Equivalence: neutrals

Just follow the constructors. (Failure cases)

$$\frac{(x : N) \in \Gamma}{\Gamma \vdash_{\text{ne}} x \sim_{\text{alg}} x \Downarrow N}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash_{\text{ne}} n \sim_{\text{alg}} n' \Downarrow A_1 \times A_2}{\Gamma \vdash_{\text{ne}} \pi_j n \sim_{\text{alg}} \pi_j n' \Downarrow A_j}$$

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$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash_{\text{ne}} n \sim_{\text{alg}} n' \Downarrow A \rightarrow B \quad \Gamma \vdash_{\text{ne}} p \sim_{\text{alg}} p' \Uparrow A}{\Gamma \vdash_{\text{ne}} n p \sim_{\text{alg}} n' p' \Downarrow B}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash_{\text{ne}} p \sim_{\text{alg}} p' \Uparrow A}{\Gamma \vdash_{\text{ne}} \sigma_i p \sim_{\text{alg}} \sigma_i p' \Uparrow A_1 + A_2}$$

$$\frac{(x : X^+) \in \Gamma}{\Gamma \vdash_{\text{ne}} x \sim_{\text{alg}} x \Uparrow X^+}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash_{\text{inv}} v \sim_{\text{alg}} v' : N \quad N \text{ negative}}{\Gamma \vdash_{\text{ne}} v \sim_{\text{alg}} v' \Uparrow N}$$

Equivalence: saturation

The hard stuff.

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(negative side-conditions: no backtracking)

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\sim_{alg}

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Key insight: looking for all neutrals, *intra et extra muros*.

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Completeness: maximal multi-focusing (WIP, will be in my thesis).

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Trying to decide equivalence by “small-step” rewriting of pieces of programs (or in fact any method relying only on comparing the two terms) does not scale to 0.

Neil Ghani, who first solved the sum case (without 0) in his 1995 PhD thesis, had the right intuition:

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What was lacking was the framework to make this **easy**.

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Questions?